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Contenders take turns in spotlight

Mayoral race. There was no back-and-forth in forum that saw three of six candidates participate

There's no debating that the first event featuring HRM's mayoral candidates was a tame one.

Fusion Halifax hosted the "Mayor on the Spot" event Thursday, sitting three contenders down, one at a time, for five standard interview questions about experience and qualifications.

Tom Martin, Mike Savage and Fred Connors all expressed concerns about the city's current governance, and a desire to make Halifax more vibrant, more desirable or more safe.

Martin, the first to take the stage, trotted out his frustrations with police brass, citing his public criticism of the force as an example of his qualifications.

"That was the sign of a good leader, a leader who wasn't afraid to rock the boat," he said, as the sizeable crowd applauded. "I would do it again tomorrow."

Martin says he's focused



Mayoral candidates, from left, Mike Savage, Fred Connors and Tom Martin are seen Thursday at Pier 21. JEFF HARPER/METRO

on improving government transparency and community engagement, promising more power for community councils.

Savage suggested his parliamentary experience taught him how to work across party lines to achieve consensus.

He says he wants council to set aside regional concerns to focus on long-term strategy and vision, and to leave day-to-day operations to city staff.

"In two years, hopefully, you'll no longer have people saying, 'That's a dysfunctional council,'" he said. "You'll start seeing people saying,

"That's a council that's working with focus.... That's getting stuff done."

Connors, the last to take the stage, emphasized his entrepreneurial experience and focus on grassroots, community-oriented solutions to high business taxes and social problems.

"Business success in Halifax right now ... is about the ability to just stay open in spite of all the difficulties we have to face in HRM," he said. "I would like that not to be the situation for the next generation of leaders."

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HOPE FADING

Pittsburgh Penguins star and Cole Harbour native Sidney Crosby speaks to reporters during a news conference in New York on Thursday about the looming NHL lockout. The deadline for a deal between the league owners and players is Saturday, and there are no more plans for talks before then. Story, page 36. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Mint drops royalty fee for penny-inspired album

The Royal Canadian Mint has backed down on its dispute with a Nova Scotia folk singer over his upcoming album's depiction of the penny.

The mint had told Dave Gunning he faced a royalty fee of \$1,200 if he produced in excess of 2,000 albums because they contained images of the copper coin.

But Christine Aquino, a spokeswoman for the mint, says it no longer plans to charge him that fee.

Gunning, who's won multiple awards on the East Coast music scene, made national headlines this week when the mint said his soon-to-be released album infringed copyright.

The Pictou native said his album, titled No More Pennies, is meant as a tribute to the ubiquitous one-cent piece, which the mint stopped producing in the spring.

In a statement, the mint says it will review its intellectual property policy after realizing it "may not consider the individual needs and circumstances" of those looking to use its images.

Gunning could not immediately be reached for comment, but Aquino says she spoke with the singer and he is "very happy" with the decision.

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The Angel's Share producer Rebecca O'Brien poses with Atlantic Film Festival executive director Wayne Carter, Thursday night, outside the Oxford Theatre. The film kicked off this year's festival, which runs through Sept. 20. HALEY RYAN/METRO

The Angel's Share opens Atlantic Film Festival

Opening night.
Red carpet rolled out as eight-day movie extravaganza kicks off

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Halifax was a wee bit more Scottish on Thursday as the Atlantic Film Festival screened The Angel's Share for its opening night.

The film, by award-winning director Ken Loach, is a story of a few young men in Glasgow who run into trouble when they try stealing whisky from a distillery in the Scottish Highlands.

"It's very much about young people in any community these days who struggle

to get work and have to live on their wits," said Rebecca O'Brien, the film's producer.

The Angel's Share won the Jury Prize at the famous Cannes Film Festival this spring, and its showing in Halifax was the first anywhere in North or South America.

"It's really nice to have that in Nova Scotia because it's obviously twinned with Scotland in some way," O'Brien said. "The parallels are strong."

She added it's a great to open the festival because local people may recognize the name when The Angel's Share comes back for an extended run in theatres later this year.

"You get the spotlight more on you if you're the opening or the closing film," she said. "It's nice to have that boost."

The Disappeared

On-screen fisherman makes a daring rescue in real life

A highlight of this year's Atlantic Film Festival, The Disappeared, is written and directed by Halifax's Shandi Mitchell and tells the story of six East Coast fishermen lost at sea.

Earlier this week, one of the actors in the movie made a real-life ocean rescue. Billy Campbell, who plays Mannie, was sailing

with friends from Lunenburg to Newport, R.I. when they came upon four men signalling for help beside an overturned boat off the coast of Massachusetts.

The men had no flashlights or flares to signal for help, but luckily Campbell's crew saw their arms waving and took them safely on board his ship, the Martha Seabury.

"It's unbelievable, but it happened," said Siobhan Wiggins, the movie's publicist. "Luckily everyone's OK."

The Disappeared will be shown Friday at the Oxford Theatre at 7 p.m. and again on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Suspect arrested. Man faces slew of charges after vehicle break-ins

A Halifax man is facing charges related to dozens of vehicle break-ins in the city's south end.

Around 2:30 a.m. Thursday, officers responded to the 5800 block of University Avenue, where five cars had been broken into and items stolen from inside.

A K9 unit responded and led police to Greenwood Avenue, where they arrested a suspect.

Later in the morning, officers received reports of more vehicle break-ins on Fenwick Street near Fenwick Tower. Twelve cars had windows smashed, and more items were missing.

A description of the suspect matched the man arrested in connection with the thefts on University Avenue.

Dean Gordon Normand, 37, was scheduled to appear

Charges

Dean Gordon Normand faces 28 charges, including:

- 17 counts of property damage
- 3 counts of theft under \$5,000
- 1 count of possession of stolen property
- 6 counts of breach of recognizance
- 1 count of break-and-enter

in court Thursday.

The investigation is still ongoing and police say other charges haven't been ruled out.

HALEY RYAN/METRO

Spending scandal. Trial dates set for N.S. politician in fraud case

Trial dates have been tentatively set for independent MLA Trevor Zinck, who is charged in the province's constituency spending scandal.

Ten days have been set aside for a trial in Nova Scotia Supreme Court next June. Zinck's lawyer will confirm the dates later this month.

Zinck is charged with theft over \$5,000, fraud over \$5,000 and breach of trust.

He was one of four politicians charged in February 2011 following the auditor general's review of expense accounts.

Former Liberal Dave Wilson served four months of a nine-month sentence for defrauding taxpayers of nearly \$61,000. He was released from custody last month.

Richard Hurlburt, a former



Trevor Zinck METRO FILE

Progressive Conservative cabinet minister, was sentenced to a year of house arrest in July after pleading guilty to charges of fraud and breach of trust.

A trial for former Liberal cabinet minister Russell MacKinnon is set to begin in March. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Police chiefs Book 'Em in support of food bank

Incoming Halifax Regional Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais, left, flips burgers with outgoing Chief Frank Beazley outside of Halifax Regional Police headquarters on Thursday. The chiefs were helping out with Book 'Em, a book sale and barbecue in support of the Parker Street Food Bank. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

Class cap to be enforced

Overcrowding.

Teachers union says 700 teaching positions lost over two years, mainly through attrition

Nova Scotia's education minister is pledging that no class from Primary to Grade 3 will exceed the government's mandated cap for this school year.

Keeping class sizes in those grades at the cap level could be done largely by relocating teachers within school districts, which has been done by school boards in past years,

Ramona Jennex said Thursday after a cabinet meeting.

The province moved the cap to 27 from 25 last year, but it is now allowing schools in those grades to have classes of up to 29 students.

"We have a cap in place and we gave the flexibility of up to 29," said Jennex. "No class is going to exceed that number in this province."

She said the cap will also be maintained in schools where there have been acute pressures, such as on the South Shore and in the Halifax area.

Jennex didn't rule out the possibility of hiring new teachers but she said that would involve making a case for more

funding to the Treasury Board.

"I'm making a commitment to make sure that we have the appropriate amount of staff in our school system," she added.

The province has cited declining enrolment as its primary reason for reduced funding to the province's eight school boards over the past two years. The government cut \$13.4 million this year on the heels of a \$17.6-million reduction in funding last year.

The cuts outraged the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, causing its past president to demand Jennex's resignation in April, accusing her of not fighting hard enough for public education at cabinet.

Problems

The problems aren't restricted to overcrowding. Eastern Consolidated Elementary in Moser River is reporting only seven students for one class. "This is to say that we have challenges on both ends of the spectrum," Minister Jennex said.

Shelley Morse, the union's new president, gave credit to Jennex for realizing there is a problem with class sizes, but she said relocating teachers would only go so far.

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Tidal power

Test program looking for a fourth developer to add to initiative

The Nova Scotia government is calling for more proposals to test tidal power technology in the Bay of Fundy. The

province is looking for a fourth developer to join the tidal test program at the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy in the Minas Channel.

The request for proposals, which are due by the end of March, is open to developers interested in testing one or more devices in an area known for its powerful tides.

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Seacoast

Rural company developing artisan distillery

The Nova Scotia government is investing \$1.2 million to help a rural company set up an artisanal distillery.

Authentic Seacoast Distilling Co. Ltd. will use

the money to help pay for a \$2.7-million project that is expected to create 35 jobs in the Guysborough area.

The Economic Development Department says the investment comprises a \$1-million forgivable loan and a capital incentive of \$191,000. The company is also planning to start a coffee-roasting business and bakery. The company is part of Authentic Seacoast Group. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Empire company

Revenue boost

The purchase of more than 200 retail gas bars and convenience stores has helped Empire Company increase its revenue in the latest quarter.

At its annual general meeting Thursday in New Glasgow, the parent company of Sobeys grocery

stores showed its first quarter profit increased to about \$108.9 million compared to \$89.1 million the previous year. Stock shares also increased to \$1.60 from \$ 1.31 a year earlier.

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Pump pain could soon be ending: Analyst

News. Halifax drivers were expected to be paying over \$1.40 for gas by Friday morning



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A local fuel industry analyst says gas prices in the region are expected to "tumble" significantly by month's end after a jump at the pumps in recent weeks.

Dave Collins, vice-president at Wilsons Fuel, says a slowdown in the Gulf of Mexico refinery production caused by Hurricane Isaac is partly to the blame for the high price of gas.

"There's also the problem where we switch from summer-grade gasoline to winter-grade gasoline," said Wilson. "That has caused prices to spike because no one wants to produce summer-grade gasoline. It's more expensive."

But winter-grade gas isn't available to buy at wholesale until Sept. 15, he said.

"That would then indicate that we're going to get a bit of a spike and then tumble quite significantly from there towards the end of the month," said Wilson. "We would expect prices here by the end of the month to be substantially different."

Dan McTeague, vice-president of operations at Tomorrow's Gas Price Today.com, said while other parts of the country are getting a bit of a break after this week's sudden spike, Nova Scotia is being burdened by its regulated market.

Prices were expected to rise by as much as five cents a litre on Friday when the regulated price was set.

"The Maritime provinces... are left holding the bag and consumers (are) stuck with what was only a two-day phenomenon for some of us," said McTeague. "What goes up doesn't necessarily come down as quickly as you want."

Gas prices for Halifax as of late:

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| • Thursday. \$1.385 | • Last month. \$1.331 |
| • Last week. \$1.38 | • Last year. \$1.316 |



Waging peace with bullying

The entire student body of Gorsebrook Junior High School in Halifax formed a peace symbol on the field behind the school on Thursday to mark the annual Anti-Bullying Day. JEFF HARPER/HARPER

Well-being. Capital Health combining addiction, mental-health services in search of efficiency

The Capital District Health Authority is combining its addiction services and mental-health departments.

A release from the health authority says the planned retirement of the mental-health program director prompted a search for effi-

ciencies between the two service areas.

Barbara Hall, vice president person-centred care, says Capital Health wants to provide a model of care where patients can move "seamlessly" between services.

The release notes that mental health and addictions services are being integrated across the country and in several Nova Scotia health authorities.

The recently-released mental health and addictions strategy, Come Together,

also identified integration of mental health and addictions services as a priority.

Trevor Briggs, current director of addiction services, will be the new director of the Addictions and Mental Health Program.

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Atlantic Canadians want automatic organ donation: Survey

Atlantic Canadians want to make it easier to donate organs, according to a new Corporate Research Associates survey.

The current model in Nova Scotia is an opt-in plan, which means none of your organs will be taken unless you specifically sign up to have them donated when you renew your health card every four years.

Don Mills, CRA chairman, said this is a problem because most people don't look at the health-card paperwork.

"It's a very passive way of trying to get people to make

CRA survey

This is the first organ-donation survey from the CRA.

- It was conducted in August, and has an error margin of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points.

a choice," Mills said.

Released Thursday, the survey of 1,200 people shows 60 per cent of people in Nova Scotia want this to change.

Another 55 per cent in New Brunswick agree, as well as

56 per cent in Newfoundland and Labrador.

They support a change to an opt-out policy instead, which is used in some European countries. This would make everyone a donor unless they indicate otherwise.

"Some people actually die waiting for organs," Mills said. "If there's a way to increase the percentage of ... donors, it would probably be good for everybody."

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Nova Scotia Justice Minister Ross Landry, left, and Truro-Bible Hill MLA Lenore Zann tour flooded areas as dikes on the Salmon River and North River gave way in Truro, N.S., on Monday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Province considers flood aid for Truro

Assessment. Damage still being evaluated after heavy rainstorm

The Nova Scotia government is examining a possible aid package for homes and businesses damaged by flooding earlier this week in the Truro area.

But the minister responsible for emergency management wouldn't commit to financial help, saying the gov-

Hurricane's effects felt

- The remnants of Tropical Storm Leslie dumped about 120 millimetres of rain on the low-lying Truro area.

ernment is still trying to evaluate the damage.

Ross Landry says in the meantime, it's important for those affected to get accurate damage assessments and re-

ceipts in order to qualify for potential help.

Landry says the government is also trying to determine who is responsible for a dike that was breached by the North River during Monday's storm.

Officials in Colchester County have said it's not clear who owns some of the dikes built in the area.

Landry says the province will assess the dike system to find ways of reducing future flood damage. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

August incident

Worker who fell from building dies in hospital

A worker who suffered serious head injuries after falling from a building

near the MacKay Bridge last month has died in hospital.

The accident happened just before 9 p.m. on Aug. 30 with the worker falling about six metres while working on a building owned by Halifax Harbour Bridges.

Police say the man lost his footing before he fell. He died on Wednesday night.

The province's Department of Labour continues to investigate the fall, with a stop-work order in place since the incident occurred. **METRO**



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NewPage. Lawyer says tax cut for mill would gut programs for kids, seniors

A lawyer for a Cape Breton municipality says reducing taxes for the idled NewPage Port Hawkesbury paper mill would gut programs for children and the elderly.

Bruce Clarke, representing the Richmond County Municipal Council, told the Nova Scotia Supreme Court Thursday in Halifax that residents would suffer if an existing tax deal for

the mill were cancelled.

Pacific West Commercial Corp., the prospective owner of the mill, wants the court to nullify a tax agreement between Richmond County and the plant's former owner, Stora Enso.

Pacific West Commercial says it should pay about one-sixth of its estimated tax bill of \$2.5 million.

Clarke says if that happens, Richmond County would have to raise taxes, defer maintenance and either cancel or charge large fees for recreational facilities.

The mill in Point Tupper, N.S., closed last September, throwing about 600 people out of work and affecting 400 forestry contractors.

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Real Minority Report: How the FBI spots mass killers

Crime fighting. FBI has installed a team to determine which unstable students may turn into murderers



ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News in London

This year, seven people were shot dead at Oikos University in California. Last year, three people were shot dead at San Jose State University, also in California. The year before, two people were killed at Ohio State University. In 2007, a student at Virginia Tech shot and killed 32 professors and fellow students.

The list goes on and on. André Simons heads the FBI team tasked with ending it. Simons, a supervisory special agent, heads the Behavioral Threat Assessment Center (BTAC) at the agency's Behavioral Analysis Unit.

"We don't track potential mass killers on college campuses," he explains. "But universities often come to us for help when a student's behaviour becomes dangerous."

In other words, when university professors, psychologists or police spot suspicious actions or statements by a student — or a professor or other employee — they call Simons' team. Each year the BTAC, which was established only two years ago, receives more than 100 assis-



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Even though university mass shootings can seem unpredictable, there are usually red flags, observes Simons, whose team includes FBI agents, a U.S. Capitol Police special agent and a psychiatrist. "There are often concerning behaviours and indicators that can be recognized before an attack."

From 2000 to 2008, there were no less than 83 violent assaults on U.S. campuses,

with the shooters targeting former girlfriends, professors or random individuals.

Seung-Hui Cho, the 23-year-old mass killer at Virginia Tech, had previously been diagnosed with depression and anxiety disorders, stalked female students, and submitted writings about violence to professors.

Today, virtually all college campuses have staff trained to spot such behaviour.

"If there's an urgent situ-

ation where a person of concern has taken steps towards a violent act, it demands immediate attention," explains Simons. "We're on duty 24 hours a day, and in urgent situations we triage the case immediately and help the university decide what to do. If there's a hostage situation, we support the FBI's hostage negotiators."

In most cases, the FBI recommends mental-health care.

The new focus on spotting potential mass murderers — rather than turning universities into fortresses — has yielded good results: In 2008, the latest year with available data, 55 people were killed on U.S. campuses, down from 66 the year before.

"If the universities didn't act on these individuals, more crimes would have been perpetrated," notes Simons.

Q&A



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Boston

How can universities prevent mass shootings and other violence?

If a student submits writings that are unnerving, the university has a duty to report it, but don't do it in a way that makes the student feel persecuted ... it's not always easy to assess danger — there's a large pool of people who show warning signs, but most of them will never pick up a weapon. And we shouldn't go overboard in trying to prevent university violence ...

Some universities do drills to prepare students for acts of violence, but that leaves them traumatized.

Doesn't vigilance violate students' civil liberties?

Some universities want to access students' medical files, but that's overstepping and it's not necessary. The so-called red flags are only red after an act of violence. Beforehand, they're only yellow.

So violence at universities can't be prevented?

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Filmmaker identified. Christian Egyptian made movie that sparked riots

U.S. Federal authorities have identified a Coptic Christian Egyptian in southern California who is on probation after his conviction for financial crimes as the key figure behind the anti-Muslim film that ignited mob violence against U.S. embassies across the Middle East, a U.S. law enforcement official said Thursday.

He said authorities had

concluded that Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, 55, was behind *Innocence of Muslims*, a film that sparked protests this week in Egypt, Libya and Yemen. It was not immediately clear whether Nakoula was part of the broader investigation into the deaths of U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans in Libya. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A Libyan man holds a placard in English on Tuesday after a violent demonstration against the U.S. consulate in Benghazi. IBRAHIM ALAGURI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twitter fight. Tweets from U.S. and Egypt get snarky after violence

The snark is flying between the U.S. Embassy in Cairo and the Muslim Brotherhood in a Twitter spat in the wake of an assault on the mission by protesters in the Egyptian capital.

The embassy's tweets implied that the Brotherhood, whose longtime member Mohammed Morsi is Egypt's new president, has been sending mixed messages, fuelling public anger.

It started when Ikhwanweb, the Twitter page of the Muslim Brotherhood, retweeted a message in English from the group's deputy

head, Khairat el-Shater.

"We're relieved none of (at) USEmbassyCairo staff were harmed & hope US-Eg relations will sustain turbulence of Tuesday's events."

"Thanks," the embassy replied. "By the way, have you checked out your own Arabic feeds? I hope you know we read those too."

"We understand you're under a lot of stress," came the Ikhwanweb retort, "but still it will be more helpful if you point out exactly the Arabic feed of concern."

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Yemeni protesters break a door of the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, during a protest Thursday over the film *Prophet*. HANI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prophet protests target embassies

Controversial film. Perceived ridicule of Muhammad inflames Islamists' tempers, anti-American and anti-Israeli violence

Chanting "death to America" and "death to Israel," hundreds of protesters angered by an anti-Islam film stormed the U.S. Embassy compound in Yemen's capital and burned the American flag on Thursday, the latest in a

series of attacks on American diplomatic missions in the Middle East.

The string of assaults this week, in Yemen, Egypt and the storming of a U.S. consulate in Libya that killed four Americans, point to an increased boldness among Islamists who have become more powerful since last year's wave of revolts toppled authoritarian leaders.

The anger over the movie denigrating Islam's Prophet Muhammad has also put the region's new leaders — some of whom are themselves Islamists — in a difficult cor-

ner, between a base demanding a free hand to respond to the insult and U.S. pressure to crack down. In the past, protests have broken out over perceived insults to Islam from the West, but in Arab countries they never escalated to the degree of breaching embassies, suggesting now hard-liners feel they can act with impunity.

Yemen's president, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, quickly apologized to the U.S. for the embassy attack and vowed to track down the culprits, just as Libya's president did.

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Ottawa's response

Canada shut its embassy in Cairo for the day out of worries about security.

- A Foreign Affairs spokeswoman says the embassy is a close neighbour of the American mission, which has been the focus of angry protests.
- Canada shut down the embassy for the day out of concern for the safety of staff, she says.



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Currency. Mint drops royalty for folk musician's penny-inspired album

The Royal Canadian Mint has backed down in a dispute with a Nova Scotia folk singer over his upcoming album's depiction of the penny.

The mint had told Dave Gunning he faced a royalty of \$1,200 if he produced in excess of 2,000 albums because they contained images of the copper-plated coin.

But Christine Aquino, a spokeswoman for the mint, said Thursday it no longer plans to charge him that fee.

Gunning could not be reached for comment Thursday, but said in a statement he was pleased the mint stopped penny pinching.

"They were just trying to do

No More Pennies

Gunning, a Pictou native who's won multiple awards on the East Coast music scene, said his album, titled *No More Pennies*, is meant as a tribute to the ubiquitous one-cent piece, which the mint stopped producing in May though it remains legal tender.

their jobs and my case was an odd one that fell between the cracks," said Gunning, who previously said the whole fuss was embarrassing for Canada.

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Parasite

Scientists tracking spread of tapeworm

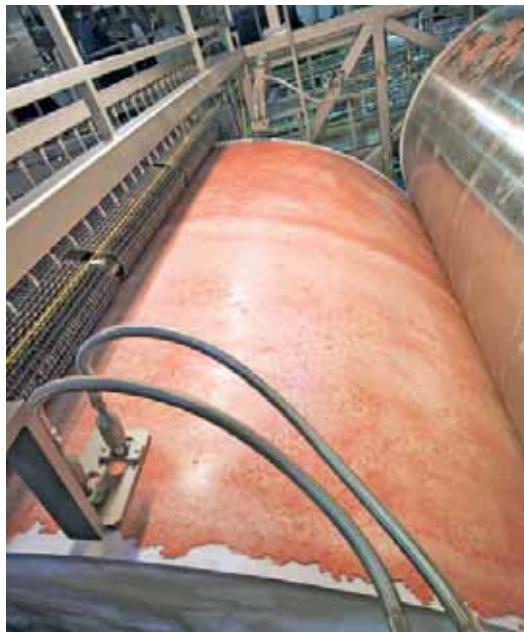
Animal health researchers are watching what appears to be mounting evidence of the spread of a potentially dangerous parasite in coyotes, foxes and other animals in Canada.

That's a concern, they

suggest, because the parasite, a tapeworm, can on occasion spill over from its wild animal hosts to infect dogs and humans. And while people aren't the tapeworm's preferred hosts, a growing number of human cases are being seen in Europe and parts of the world where the parasite is more established.

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ABC News sued over reports of 'pink slime' meat product



The beef product known as lean finely textured beef, or "pink slime," is frozen on a large drum as part of its manufacturing process at the Beef Products Inc.'s plant in South Sioux City, Neb. Beef Products Inc. filed a defamation lawsuit against ABC News on Thursday, alleging that the network misled consumers to believe the product is unhealthy and unsafe. NATI HARNIK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beef Products Inc.

Meat processor seeking \$1.2B US in damages for 'misleading and defamatory' statements

Beef Products Inc. sued ABC News Inc. for defamation Thursday over its coverage of a meat product that critics dub "pink slime," claiming the network damaged the company by misleading consumers into believing it is unhealthy and unsafe.

The Dakota Dunes, S.D.-based meat processor is seeking \$1.2 billion US in damages for roughly 200 "false and misleading and defamatory" statements about the product officially known as lean, finely textured beef, said Dan Webb, BPI's Chicago-based attorney.

The lawsuit filed in a South Dakota state court also names several individuals as defendants, including ABC news anchor Diane Sawyer and the Department of Agriculture microbiologist who coined the term "pink slime."

ABC News, owned by The

Malice?

BPI will have to prove the network intended to cause harm, said Patrick Garry, a media law expert at the University of South Dakota School of Law.

- "The media — regardless of your opinion of them — don't usually print something that they know to be false," Garry said. "It may be negligent, but usually there's a malice requirement as well."

Walt Disney Co., denied BPI's claims.

"The lawsuit is without merit," Jeffrey W. Schneider, the news station's senior vice-president, said in a brief statement Thursday. "We will contest it vigorously."

Craig Letch, BPI's director of food-quality assurance, said the company lost 80 per cent of its business in 28 days. BPI has declined to discuss how much it lost in sales, but acknowledged it took a "substantial" hit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Parliament returns for fall sitting

The House of Commons resumes its business in Ottawa on Monday.
Here's what you need to know heading in.

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Nathan Cullen, NDP

House Leader Nathan Cullen said his party is focused on opposing the Conservative government while giving Canadians a sense of the NDP's priorities.

"We're starting to turn the corner point for the next general election ... so we're putting a number of things on the window so Canadians can understand what a New Democratic government would look like around things like health care, employment insurance, our energy plan for the future — some conversations that haven't



gotten any real attention from this government. It's that mix, right? Of course you're opposing when you see bad things, but you also have to be constantly proposing."

Marc Garneau, Liberals

For Garneau, the fall will be focused on what he calls "Part 2" of Bill C-38 — the omnibus budget-implementation bill that featured everything from changes to environmental regulations to modifying the Old Age Security program.

"There are still things that they announced in their budget back in the spring, that Mr. Flaherty announced, that have not been put in a budget-implementation bill ... and of course we'll be watching very closely to see if this will be yet another kitchen-sink bill or if the



government will take a more reasoned approach and not do an unreasonable omnibus bill that has all sorts of things in it that should really be treated separately."

Peter Van Loan, Conservatives

Unsurprisingly, jobs and the economy appear to be top of mind for Conservative House Leader Peter Van Loan, whose party will bring in another omnibus budget bill this fall.

"Our top priority is the economy, job creation and economic growth. That has been the case and it will continue in the fall. That means the cornerstone in legislation will be the budget-implementation act, which will put into law the elements of the budget from the spring that we haven't passed yet.... Everything in it will be



something coming out of the budget, and that's what budget implementation bills are. It depends on what your definition of omnibus is ... but it will be a large, comprehensive bill."

Alberta mourns. Former premier dies in hospital

Peter Lougheed, the man with a bulldog chin and crooked grin who transformed Alberta into a modern petro-powered giant and an equal player in Confederation, has died.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office confirmed the 84-year-old former premier's death Thursday.

"On behalf of all Canadians, Laureen and I offer our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Peter Lougheed," Harper said in a statement.

"Today Canada lost a truly great man. Peter Lougheed was quite simply one of the most remarkable Canadians of his generation."

The Calgary-born lawyer and Alberta premier from 1971 to 1985 leaves behind a profound record of achievement and influence on public policy.

He took the reins of the fledgling Progressive Conservatives in 1965 and within six years had built a party that turfed a decades-old Social Credit dynasty and launched one of his own that continues to this day.

As oil prices shot to stratospheric levels in the 1970s, Lougheed became a provincial folk hero and a nationally recognized figure for his epic battles with Ottawa over control of Alberta's black gold.

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Five storylines to watch in the coming months



- **Liberal Leadership.** The race for the Liberal leadership begins in earnest this fall, with the party's national board beginning the five-month campaign in November.



- **Natural Resources and Foreign Ownership.** Ottawa is currently reviewing China National Offshore Oil Co.'s (CNOOC) \$15.1-billion bid for Calgary-based Nexen Inc.



- **About those fighter jets....** The debate over the decision to buy F-35 joint strike fighters is set to resume in the fall semester.

- A number of names are being tossed around already, but Montreal MPs Justin Trudeau and Marc Garneau have garnered the most attention so far.

- **Thomas Mulcair — and the NDP's — performance.** This fall will be the first full sitting for Thomas Mulcair's NDP after he was picked as leader at the party's convention in Toronto last March.

- Some have raised concerns about the CNOOC purchase, arguing state-owned enterprises have an advantage over private companies.

- **Free Trade Agreements for everybody!** Canada is currently in free-trade-agreement negotiations with a number of countries, as well as the European Union.

- The F-35 became a political quagmire for the Conservatives earlier this year, after a pair of damning reports from the Parliamentary Budget Officer and the auditor general.

- Declared contenders include Deborah Coyne, a constitutional lawyer in Toronto, Jonathan Mousley, a government economist, and Shane Geschiere, a paramedic from Manitoba.

- At times during the spring, the Official Opposition was overshadowed by the third-place Liberals and their veteran interim leader, Bob Rae.

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said the deal must be evaluated on whether it has a net benefit to Canada.

- Conservative House Leader Peter Van Loan said, in addition to a free-trade bill with Panama, currently before the house, we might see other agreements this fall.

- Both contend the government drastically underestimated the cost of the multibillion-dollar procurement, which the government denies.

- The leadership will be decided at the party's convention on April 14, 2013.

- But with the leadership race behind them and critic roles decided, more will be made of NDP's performance in the House of Commons this fall.

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said the deal must be evaluated on whether it has a net benefit to Canada.

- When asked in July about the status of the Canada-EU free-trade agreement, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said talks were proceeding "in a positive way."

- Public Works took over the F-35 file and formed a secretariat to govern the acquisition of the next-generation fighters.

- The party also intends to bring forward legislation on issues including health care, employment insurance and energy.

- The government has denied two foreign-takeover bids under Harper. The Nexen decision is expected later this fall.

- Canada is also participating in U.S.-backed talks for a "Trans-Pacific Partnership," a proposed free-trade bloc involving more than 10 countries.

BlackBerry finally gets 'BBM' into the dictionary

Part of the language.

Collins recognizes commonly used acronym for instant messaging as a word in its own right

BlackBerry's instant messaging service has found a new home, nestled between BBL and bbq.

The term BBM is being added to the latest edition of the Collins English Dictionary.

Shorthand for Research In Motion's BlackBerry Messenger software, the dictionary is listing it as an abbreviation as well as a noun and a verb.

The company says making it into the dictionary shows just how popular BBM is around the world. RIM says 70 per cent of its customers use BBM daily.

The company noted several recent references to BBM including Olympic gold medal sprinter Usain Bolt saying he had to thank a "few people on my BBM."

RIM says singers such as Tinie Tempah and Sean Kings-

ton have also both mentioned BBM in their songs, Miami to Ibiza and the aptly titled, BBM.

T.A. McCann, vice-president of BBM and social communities at RIM, says the inclusion in the dictionary recognizes its status as one of the world's most popular mobile social networks.

RIM is planning to release a new generation of smartphones early next year in a bid to regain ground lost to Apple's iPhone and smartphones with Google's Android operating system.

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BBMing on a Research In Motion BlackBerry device. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

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Captain, crew faulted in tragedy

Cruise chaos.

Passengers have described confused, delayed evacuation

Court-appointed experts have pointed the finger of blame primarily at the captain of a cruise ship that ran aground off Italy, but also faulted the crew and ship owner for a series of blunders, delays and security breaches that contributed to the disaster and the deaths of 32 people.

The Costa Concordia ran aground and capsized Jan. 13 off the Tuscan island of Giglio after Capt. Francesco Schettino took it off course in a stunt. He is accused of causing the shipwreck, manslaughter and abandoning the ship before all passengers were evacuated.

Eight other people are also under investigation, and the court in Grosseto ordered the expert investigation to help it determine which if any should be put on trial.

A hearing is scheduled for next month.



The grounded cruise ship Costa Concordia off the Tuscan island of Giglio, Italy, on Jan. 31. PIER PAOLO CITO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a 270-page analysis, the experts said a series of problems hobbled the response to Schettino's manoeuvre and contributed to the botched evacuation: Crew members bungled directions, didn't understand orders and weren't trained or certified in security and emergency drills.

And they said ship owner Costa Crociere delayed alerting coastal authorities about the emergency — a charge Costa denied Thursday.

In a statement, Costa said by law it was Schettino who was supposed to have alerted

authorities about the accident, and that the captain assured the Costa crew on land that he had done so.

And regardless, Costa said, Schettino's reports to Costa's headquarters were so delayed, partial and confused that the company couldn't discern how serious the emergency was.

And Costa firmly rejected the experts' claims that the crew was unprepared for emergencies, saying the "alleged defects in the certifications of some of the crew" didn't affect the evacuation.

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Eyes on the aftermath

Residents gather near the destroyed elevator that dropped 30 floors, killing 19 workers at a construction site in Wuhan, in central China's Hubei province, Thursday. Worker safety is a big problem in China, where regulations are routinely ignored. Although the Chinese government says it is taking measures to reduce fatalities, more than 75,500 people died in work-related accidents last year, according to the State Administration of Work Safety. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Envoy found unconscious

Japan's new envoy to China has been hospitalized after falling unconscious in Tokyo two days after his formal appointment.

The government's top spokesman said Ambassador Shinichi Nishimiya was found on the street near his home Thursday. Officials denied any signs of crime, but

no other details were immediately known.

Nishimiya was appointed Tuesday to replace Uchihiro Niwa, Japan's first China envoy from the private sector. Some lawmakers had criticized Niwa as not being tough enough on a diplomatic row over East China Sea islands that are controlled by Japan

but also claimed by China and Taiwan.

Spokesman Osamu Fujimura refused to discuss if or how Nishimiya's illness might affect Japan-China relations at a sensitive time. He also declined to say if Japan opted to pick Nishimiya's replacement.

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Romney opts for 'safer political ground'

U.S. election.

Republican candidate steers clear of foreign affairs and tackles Obama's position on the economy at campaign appearance

Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney veered away from a blistering two days of ill-timed attacks on

President Barack Obama's handling of foreign affairs Thursday, and instead steered to safer political ground: the struggling American economy.

At a campaign appearance in Virginia, Romney returned to his standing promises to revitalize the U.S. economy, which he said is a first requirement for continued American military dominance.

Recalling Obama's successful 2008 campaign mes-

sage of hope and change, Romney told his audience in a Washington suburb: "We want real changes, I'm going to bring real change and get America working again."

Romney's dramatic move back to campaigning on the U.S. economy, the No. 1 issue for American voters, followed heavy political fire from Obama, congressional Democrats and even some powerful Republican voices. He was roundly criticized for seeking political advantage

by accusing the president of apologizing to radical Islamists as they killed a U.S. ambassador and three other diplomatic workers in Libya and attacked the U.S. embassy in Egypt.

Romney's message Thursday was a reprise intended to remind voters of his long career in high finance and business as co-founder of Bain Capital, a private-equity firm from which he amassed a quarter-billion-dollar fortune.

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A U.S. Secret Service agent stands watch as Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney campaigns at Van Dyck Park in Fairfax, Va., Thursday. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Luring voters. Bosnian mayoral candidate using porn to boost campaign

A mayoral candidate in Bosnia's fourth-largest city is using one of the Internet's greatest lures — pornography — to draw attention to his campaign.

Mirad Hadziahmetovic is an independent candidate with a relatively slim chance of winning the October election in Zenica.

He said Thursday that he decided to upload pornographic video clips to his official campaign site after realizing that large num-

bers of people use the Web to peruse sexual content.

To view the material on his site, visitors must answer questions, such as "What is more important for Zenica, job creation or increasing the municipal budget" through taxes?

At the end of each clip there is a separately recorded video of Hadziahmetovic talking directly to camera and saying: "If you liked this clip, vote for me."

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Sitting pretty tall

In an undated photo provided by Guinness World Records 2013 Book, Kevin Doorlag stands with his dog Zeus in Otsego, Mich. The Great Dane is now officially the world's tallest canine according to the record book. KEVIN SCOTT RAMOS/HANDOUT

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Thousands flee area close to Guatemala's Volcano of Fire

Dangerous. Explosions heard coming from the long-active volcano, which is now spewing lava and ash

Guatemala's head of emergency evacuations says more than 33,000 people are fleeing the eruption of a long-active volcano just outside one of the country's most famous tourist attractions.

Sergio Cabanas says the evacuees are leaving some 17 villages around the Volcano of Fire, which sits about 16 km from the colonial city of Antigua.

The agency says the volcano spewed lava nearly 600 metres down slopes billowing with ash on Thursday.

Seismologists also say a series of explosions have been coming from the 3,763-metre-high volcano.

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Smoke rises from the Volcano of Fire seen from Palin, south of Guatemala City, on Thursday. MOISES CASTILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York. Jewish rite now requires consent

New York City's Board of Health voted Thursday to require parental consent for a form of circumcision that involves oral suction, a ritual practised by some ultra-Orthodox Jews.

The board voted 9-0 to require that anyone performing the ritual obtain written consent from the infant's parent or guardian. The parents will have to sign a form acknowledging that the city Health Department advises against the practice because of risks of herpes and other infections.

The procedure is called "metzitzah b'peh" in Hebrew. The person performing the circumcision cleans the wound by sucking blood.

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Dangerous to infants

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There have been 11 confirmed cases of herpes simplex since 2004 in newborn boys after circumcisions that likely involved direct oral suction. Two of the infants died.

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CIBC Survey

Small biz optimistic despite climate

A new poll of small Canadian businesses suggests that a majority are optimistic about their prospects for success and many plan on expansion, despite a challenging economic climate.

The survey commissioned by CIBC finds that 85 per cent of small business owners are optimistic about the future success of their company.

Nearly half say they plan to expand their business within the next three years.

The poll by Leger Marketing finds nearly six in 10 business owners in the start-up phase plan on expanding.

That's nearly double the number of established business owners who say they plan on growing.

Businesses in Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan were among the most likely to want to expand, while businesses in Ontario were least likely to be planning an expansion. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Yukon. Plastic-to-oil machine not a pipe dream

Diverting plastic from landfills and turning it into oil is now finally a reality.

A machine invented in Japan has been installed in a Whitehorse recycling plant that can chew through 240 kilograms of plastic every day and produce enough oil to heat about 70 homes.

The technology is suited to northern Canada, where most homes are heated with oil-burning furnaces. The contraption,

which is the first of its kind in North America, looks like a mad scientist's workshop and takes over an area roughly the size of a pool table at the warehouse at P&M Recycling.

Plastic that has been cut into coarse granules is fed into a trough, moves through various tubes and chambers until it turns into a gas and is cooled. At the end, a light-coloured oil drips from a spigot into a receptacle. **YUKON NEWS/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

XL soda ban OK'd



A man lights a cigarette as he walks past an advertisement created in collaboration with Mountain Dew and New York Art Department on Thursday on 13th Street in New York. **JEFFREY FURTCIELLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Controversy. Some applaud the move while others mock it as a nanny-state decision

New York City's Board of Health opened up a new, experimental front in the war on obesity Thursday, passing a rule banning sales of big sodas and other sugary drinks at restaurants, concession stands and other eateries.

The regulation, which was proposed in the spring by Mayor Michael Bloomberg and approved by panel of health experts after several months of review, puts a 475-millilitre (16-ounce size limit on cups and bottles of non-diet soda, sweetened teas, and other calorie-packed beverages.

The ban will apply in fast-food joints, movie houses and Broadway theatres, workplace cafeterias, and most other places selling prepared food.

It doesn't cover beverages sold in supermarkets or most convenience stores.

The restaurant and beverage industries have assailed the plan as misguided. They say the city's health experts are exaggerating the role sugary beverages have played in making Americans fat.

Bloomberg's New York

The unprecedented regulation would follow other ambitious health moves on Bloomberg's watch.

- Some have proven to be national pacesetters, such as making chain restaurants post calorie counts.
- New York City also has barred artificial trans fats from restaurant food and taken aggressive steps to discourage smoking.
- Starting this month, dozens of city hospitals are asking mothers of newborns to listen to talks about why they should breast-feed.

One board member, Dr. Sixto R. Caro, abstained from voting. The other eight board members voted yes.

"I'm still skeptical. This is not comprehensive enough," said Caro, a doctor of internal medicine who practices in Brooklyn. Some New Yorkers have also ridiculed the rule as a gross government intrusion and tens of thousands signed a petition, circulated by the industry, voicing their opposition **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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CRTC. Telus says Bell shouldn't be allowed to buy Astral without safeguards

Bell would have too much control over content and the potential to negatively affect consumers and competitors if it's allowed to buy Astral Media, Telus Corp. said Thursday.

Telus was the latest telecom rival to tell the CRTC that Bell's acquisition of the specialty TV channel and radio broadcaster shouldn't be allowed, or if it is approved it must have conditions and restrictions.

"Consumers want to buy rights for all content on all platforms," Telus executive Ann Mainville-Neeson said Thursday after making her company's case to the broadcast regulator.

"They want to watch TV on their TV, on their mobile devices, on their tablets, on their laptops. When Bell goes out to the studios, it buys content rights that way and we want to be able to buy them from Bell in that way and from other

Counter-argument

Bell has countered by saying it needs to be large enough to compete with global companies, especially in newer digital forms of media that relay content to mobile phones, tablets and other devices.

- It announced at the open of this week's hearings that Astral would enable it to create a competitor to the U.S.-based Netflix online video service.

vertically integrated companies."

Telus said Bell is trying to sell its content in pieces, making negotiations more difficult and expensive.

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Gambling boom

Casinos opening in Philippines, Korea, Russia

In the Philippines, a \$4-billion casino will soon rise from reclaimed land on the edge of Manila Bay. In South Korea, foreign investors are expected to break ground next year on a clutch of casino resorts offshore. And on the eastern edge of Russia,

authorities plan a resort zone aimed at drawing Chinese high-rollers.

The projects are part of a casino building boom rolling across Asia, where governments are trying to develop their tourism markets to capture increasingly affluent Asians with a penchant for gambling.

They're building glitzy, up-scale Las Vegas-style resorts in a bid to copy the runaway success of Asian gambling hubs Macau and Singapore.

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Nintendo unveils new Wii U GamePad

Nintendo's Bill Trinen demonstrates the Wii U GamePad, Thursday, in New York. The gaming console will start at \$300 and will go on sale in the U.S. on Nov. 18, just in time for the holidays. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hacking that starts before the bubble wrap comes off

Built-in viruses. Highly-contagious bug connects users to a network of computers as it boots up

A customer in Shenzhen, China, took a brand new laptop out of its box and booted it up for the first time. But as the screen lit up, the computer began taking on a life of its own. The machine, triggered by a virus hidden in its hard drive, began searching across the Internet for another computer.

The laptop, supposedly in pristine, super-fast, direct-from-the-factory condition, had instantly become part of an illegal,

global network capable of attacking websites, looting bank accounts and stealing personal data.

For years, online investigators have warned consumers about the dangers of opening or downloading files emailed to them from unknown or suspicious sources. Now, they say malicious software and computer code could be lurking on computers before the bubble wrap even comes off.

The shopper in this case was part of a team of Micro-

soft researchers in China investigating the sale of counterfeit software. They suddenly had been introduced to a malware called Nitel. The incident was revealed in court documents unsealed Thursday in a federal court in Virginia. The records describe a new front in a legal campaign against cybercrime being waged by the maker of the Windows operating system, which is the biggest target for viruses.

The documents are part of a computer fraud lawsuit

Court records

What emerges most vividly from the court records is a disturbing picture of how vulnerable Internet users have become, in part because of weaknesses in computer supply chains.

filed by Microsoft against a web domain registered to a Chinese businessman named Peng Yong.

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1 **Tieless TIFF.** Amid all the glamour at the Toronto International Film Festival, a men's fashion trend emerged: Actors going tieless. The likes of Bruce Willis,

Ben Affleck, Ryan Gosling and Bradley Cooper all went sans tie, prompting Toronto Life's blog to ask of the "tieless brigade" at TIFF, "Come on guys, would it kill you to dress up a little?" I say bring the dapper without the tie!

2 **SNL is back.** The iconic sketch comedy show Saturday Night Live begins its 38th season Saturday with three new cast members and Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane as host of the premiere episode. Even better, in its second episode, Mumford & Sons will perform. Their sophomore album, *Babel*, is being released on Sept. 25. Must watch TV.

3 **Elton John drama.** With nearly 5,000 fans seated for Sir Elton's show Saturday night at the Memorial Centre in Peterborough, Ont., the lights came on shortly after 8 p.m. and the show abruptly was cancelled due to Elton having lost his voice. I was there with my wife on a date night gone bad. Luckily, he's doing a makeup show next Wednesday. Except I have a soccer banquet that night. Elton, can you crash it?

4 **Obama bear hug.** The Secret Service didn't seem to mind when muscular six-foot-three Florida pizza restaurant owner Scott Van Duzer picked up the president and gave him a huge bear hug, with Obama laughing away, in a photo gone viral. Maybe that's because he's a registered Republican who voted for Obama in 2008, and plans to do so again on Nov. 6. In any case, bear hugs are the new fist pumps.

5 **Andy Murray ace.** Britain's post-Olympics euphoria continued this week after Murray won his first grand slam title, defeating Novak Djokovic in the U.S. Open final 7-6, 7-5, 2-6, 3-6, 6-2. Murray is the first British male grand slam champion in 76 years. Now comes a wave of global sponsors — and likely tea with Will and Kate. Andy, I will be your ball boy if you bring me along.

6 **Beautiful babies.** Vancouver-bred Ryan Reynolds tied the knot with Gossip Girl star Blake Lively in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., near Charleston, after a year of dating. These two gorgeous lovebirds will make beautiful kids together. Heck, Blake recently revealed to Allure magazine she wants 30 children if she could! J.Crew catalogue, you've found your models for many years to come.

7 **NBC's 9-11 gaffe.** There was a moment of silence observed at 8:46 a.m. in New York City and the White House Tuesday to remember when the first plane hit the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. CNN, ABC and CBS all carried it, but NBC's Today show chose instead to air an interview with Keeping Up With the Kardashians star Kris Jenner. Boneheaded.

8 **Manning up.** Peyton Manning's comeback from a neck injury began with his new team, the Denver Broncos, Sunday, and the future Hall of Famer looked like a stud, leading the Broncos to a win over the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Hall of Fame QB who signed him, Broncos executive John Elway, is smitten. Ex-Broncos QB Tim Tebow — and his "Tebowing" — are already long forgotten.

9 **Farm aid Ottawa.** Jason Blaine, Canadian Country Music Award winner for single of the year at Sunday's Canadian Country Music Association awards, will be among those appearing at Ottawa's Farm Aid concert this Sunday. This country-music benefit at Ottawa Stadium will aid area farmers hit hard by this summer's drought. Great cause, special weekend.

10 **Kelly Oxford, LOL.** If you're looking for a hilarious tweeter to follow, make it @kellyoxford. This mom/writer tweets comic gems like "I wish my kid would just pee in the pool", "Sometimes the only thing that stops me from buying a pair of shoes is imagining Jessica Simpson buying them" and "Sometimes I watch 'Intervention' just to see my husband cry."

11 **Rick Mercer, booked.** Canada's brilliant satirist has a new book coming out next week, Rick Mercer: A Nation Worth Ranting About, a new collection of rants from his hit CBC show Rick Mercer Report, plus three previously unpublished pieces. There's no one in Canada better at calling BS than Mercer. Other than my wife whenever I tell her I'm funny.

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Oh no, not the tongue!



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Animal union

Cheetah and dog's unlikely friendship

Anybody who reckons cats and dogs are natural enemies should think twice after spotting Cincinnati Zoo's latest adorable couple.

Max, a 13-week-old Labrador, is pictured giving Savannah the cheetah cub a wet kiss. The pair are part of the zoo's program that sees all their cheetahs have dog companions. **METRO**

What usually happens

"Cheetahs, being skittish animals, will do as they typically do and hunt the farmers' livestock (in their native Africa). But, when they hear the dog barking they will run away, which saves the farmer from having to shoot the cheetah."

Tiffany Barnes from Cincinnati Zoo explains the idea behind the program

Oddest animal couples

- **Snake and rodent.** Zookeepers at Tokyo's Mutsugoro Okoku zoo were startled when their resident rat snake refused to eat a dwarf hamster, and instead forged an unlikely friendship in a glass box home. The zoo's explanation was that snake Aochan had a taste for frozen rodents, so wasn't keen on downing Gohan.
- **Kangaroo and wombat.** Baby kangaroo Anzac and baby wombat Peggy developed a union after

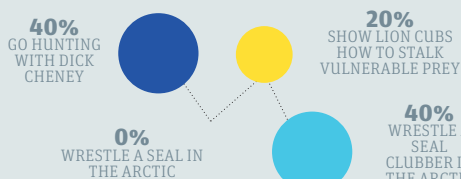
the pair, both orphans, shared a pouch at Wildlife Kilmore Rescue Centre near Melbourne, Australia. But reports say the marsupials enjoyed each other's company because they have similar movements and heartbeats.

- **Cat and squirrel.** Domestic cat Tito from Envigado, Colombia, seemed to have adopted baby squirrel Firulaís by breast-feeding and caring for the creature. The cat's owner brought Firulaís home after finding it alone and wounded on a tree branch.



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After hang gliding to help cranes migrate, what stunt should Russian President Vladimir Putin take on next?



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@shannonwc: Roll out the red carpet, it's opening night of @thefilmfest. #Halifax will be tucked into theatres crying,

laughing, believing, & dreaming.

@jenochej: Just sat down on an almost-full bus, and the woman next to me actually asked me to sit somewhere else. For real. #transitproblems #Halifax

@sineaddubeau: #Halifax why do you change seasons halfway through the day... #autumnthismorning #summernow #whatisthis



Seven Psychopaths promises to be plenty of fun. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN



Goodbye summer, hello Oscar season

Fall fare. The Reel Guys talk about their picks for school season — from critical darlings to plain old trashy fun

Richard: Mark, the fall season brings with it the usual number of Oscar bait movies, but one that I am excited to see probably won't win any gold unless they give it an award for kicking butt. The Man with the Iron Fists is a homage to the kung fu movies I grew up with, and how can I not be intrigued by the cast which includes Lucy Liu, Russell Crowe and Wu-Tang Clan member RZA! What's grabbed your eye?

Mark: The Master, starring Phillip Seymour Hoffman as

an L.Ron Hubbard-type leader of a cult much like Scientology. Probably no kung fu in it, but expect a lot of verbal sparring between Hoffman and his prize acolyte played by Joaquin Phoenix. And talk about eye candy, the previews for The Life of Pi, a book I could never get around to reading, look ravishing.

RC: The Life of Pi offers up beautiful looking images, but for me the movie most likely to make my eyeballs dance this fall is Frankenweenie. Tim Burton uses black-and-white stop motion to bring a story about a boy and his dead dog to vivid life. Can't wait. Also looking forward to Seven Psychopaths because any movie that stars both Christopher Walken and Tom Waits has to be all kinds of awesome.

MB: I'm with you on the Psychopaths, Richard. I loved director

Martin McDonagh's last film, In Bruges, and the twisted show-biz plot of this one appeals to me. I could pretend I'm waiting anxiously for Spielberg's Lincoln biopic, or whatever kind of incomprehensibility Terrence Malick's new masterpiece may bring, but who am I kidding? What I'm really excited about is Taken 2. Liam Neeson kicking Central European butt! I hope it's exactly like the first one. In fact, I hope the dialogue is exactly the same, so I can mouth the words along with the actors onscreen.

RC: Not sure how those sitting around you would feel about that, but I hear you. The first Taken was great, trashy fun. I hope for more from the second one. I'm also hoping for slightly more elegant but still down-and-dirty action from Skyfall, the new James Bond flick. The coolest move in any trailer this

Synopsis

Their white pants, sandals and pool wear have all been packed away as the Reel Guys prepare for the cooler weather and Oscar and film festival season. As they unpack their sweaters, jackets and scarves they look ahead to the films they're excited to see as the leaves turn.

year is Daniel Craig jumping from a speeding freight train to a dock, and then pausing, ever so slightly, to adjust his cufflinks before going on to cause more mayhem. It's suave, sexy and silly, everything I expect from 007.

MB: No one loves Bond movies more than me, but would it kill Daniel Craig to smile once in a while? He's Bond ... Grim Bond.

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Star Trek actor George Takei unveils a musical inspired by time in a Japanese internment camp.




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Want to make your own feature film? Take a page from the book of Picnicface

Roller Town. Comedy troupe from Halifax raised funds in some unique ways — like selling space in the film credits

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Looking for money to make your very own feature film in Canada? Well, Halifax comedy troupe Picnicface has a few ideas.

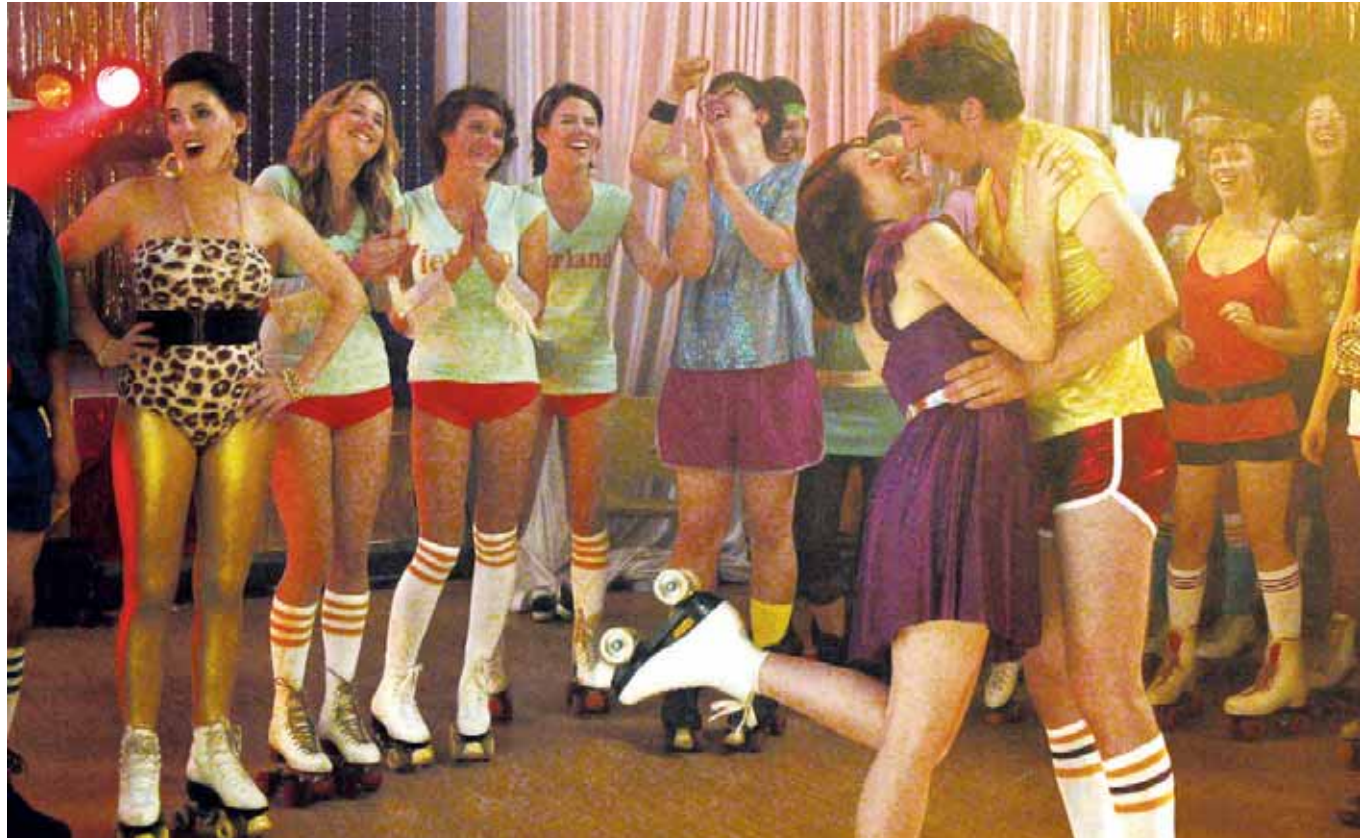
"We had a fundraising campaign to get some money," admitted director Andrew Bush regarding *Roller Town* — the troupe's debut comedy, which hits theatres September 21.

"We were like 'hey, if you want your name in the credits, send us twenty bucks and you can have any title you want as long as its not a real title'."

Innovative if nothing else, the unorthodox strategy certainly helped create a budget — as well as create end credits that aren't only about "12 or 15 minutes" long but as funny the film itself.

"Some of (the credits) are so disgusting and terrifying," laughed Bush. "One guy even paid a thousand bucks to have a picture of himself in the movie and we put it in."

A zany spoof of the extremely brief fad of roller-skating films that occurred "between the summer of 1979 and the winter of 1979", *Roller Town* is a period tale about one roller-skating wizard who stands up to gangsters trying to ruin the rinks with the on-



Roller Town celebrates the heyday of roller-skating films — that period between the summer and winter of 1979. HANDOUT

set of addictive video games.

"We got (the idea) from watching clips on YouTube," said Bush referring to discovering kitschy film clips from 1979's *Skatetown USA* and *Roller Boogie*.

"It's such a specific genre film that hasn't been touched on in this way."

Not unlike other comedy troupes such as *Broken Lizard*, *Picnicface* also heavily improvised the 1970s com-

Quoted

"It was a super fun movie to make. As a director watching it, I was just letting the actors do their thing because they're so brilliant."

Roller Town director Andrew Bush

edy which kept the film-making mostly stress free — even though it was shot in a whirlwind 17 days.

"It was a super fun movie

to make," says Bush.

"As a director watching it, I was just letting the actors do their thing because they're so brilliant."

More on Bush

Director Andrew Bush talks more about his career

- From writing for *Canadian Idol* to *Feature Film*. "I had a great time on that show. (But) I learned that I don't really want to write for reality television, that's sort of what I learned."

- On focusing on directing. "No one else would do it," said Bush about directing the film and not starring in it. "We could've gotten someone else for the film but I just felt it would be the natural progression."

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Films that celebrate the girls gone wild

Bachelorette.

The trash-talking toughness of recent female-fronted movies shows a vulnerability felt by some women

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Though getting its theatrical release a year after the arrival of *Bridesmaids*, *Bachelorette* — starring Kirsten Dunst, Lizzy Caplan and Isla Fisher — was first a stage play, written by Leslye Headland well before the release of Kristen Wiig's smash hit.

But the fact that two recent movies deal with begrudgingly single women who booze their way to the altar in support of a happy friend might be saying something about the moment young ladies are having today.

Playing a character in *Bachelorette* who sleeps



Kirsten Dunst, Lizzy Caplan and Isla Fisher all star in *Bachelorette*.

around, mocks the bride and brings a bottle of baby powder loaded with cocaine to the festivities, Lizzy Caplan understands what could be at the root of all the bad bridesmaid behaviour, in her character's case at least.

"I think all of our (characters') little attitudes and tricks worked really well for us as a clique in high school, and none of that seems to be helping us at all in our adult lives, and yet we keep going back to that same well hoping, 'I stand to regain that success and popularity that we enjoyed in high school,'" Caplan says.

"I love my character because what I see in her is not this trash-talking, slutty facade that she presents to the world; I see more of this scared (little girl), very vulnerable and very incapable of showing real emotions or dealing with her feelings."

As with any film that shoots a bachelorette party, there is the inevitable strip-

per scene. We asked the veteran comedy actress to weigh in on which traditional hen party staples she approves of.

"The bachelorette parties that I've been a part of, we incorporate that stuff. But I don't exactly run with a crowd that a penis straw would really freak them out. (Like), 'We're being so wild tonight!'"

"I don't think that's really gonna shock many of my friends," she says with a laugh.

"I am pro-stripper because I really enjoy an uncomfortable situation. And without fail, after the first initial shock of a surprise stripper, it's just uncomfortable — and I get a huge kick out of that."

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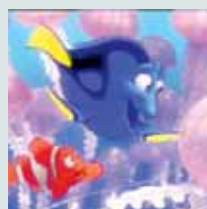
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Three reasons to see Finding Nemo ... in 3D

Today, Disney once more digs into their vaults and pulls out a classic, rendering it in 3D — the 1999 Oscar-winning film Finding Nemo. Here's three highlights of Finding Nemo that have my two lads excited.

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The opening barracuda attack, tragic as it is, never fails to grip the lads. With fertile eggs and toothy fish flying off the screen, it might skirt traumatic (Nemo's mom meets her end here after all) but will no doubt be thrilling in 3D.



Similarly, when poor father Marlin and his pal Dory meet the hulking Bruce the Shark, a great white on a fish free diet, the scent of blood in the water makes the pseudo-noble shark snap and he goes ballistic trying to eat our heroes. I imagine much popcorn will be spilled as the boys try to dodge those 3D "jaws".



Finding Nemo is one funny flick. Case in point: The fab sequence in which Nemo's captor, a dentist, sticks him in an office tank filled with other assorted pretty fish and they all act as a Greek chorus while said dentist drills his patients into spitting, screaming fits.

Briefs

Michael Madsen in drunk driving investigation

Actor Michael Madsen was released from a hospital after being arrested for investigation of drunken driving on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, his attorney said Thursday.

Madsen, 54, best known for the Quentin Tarantino movies Reservoir Dogs and Kill Bill, had complained of an undisclosed medical problem following his arrest Wednesday and has since been released, said lawyer Perry Wander.

Madsen was arrested after driving erratically in a red Pontiac GTO. In a preliminary test, he had a blood alcohol level of 0.21, more than twice the legal limit of 0.08, said Steve Whitmore, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Wander said Madsen had been taking prescription drugs that could have resulted in a faulty sobriety test.

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Director hopes award will open theatre doors

A South Korean director who won the Golden Lion award for best movie at this year's Venice Film Festival says he hopes the prize will encourage theatre owners who have previously shunned his works to screen them more often.

Kim Ki-duk said this week the award for Pieta is important because it will help persuade large corporate theatre operators in South Korea to screen independent movies like his.

The 51-year-old director with no formal film training says he considered leaving South Korea for countries that welcome his work.

Kim's previous 17 movies won little commercial success at home but caused a stir with their explicit violence.

Pieta is a drama about a brutal debt collector whose life takes a turn when a strange woman shows up claiming to be his mother.

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Horror

Resident Evil: Retribution

Director. Paul W.S. Anderson

Stars. Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez

While he is inarguably an ace stylist and orchestrator of action, director Paul Anderson isn't much of a writer. It's this latter factor that causes many a critic to dismiss his ongoing Resident Evil films as dross. But taken as visceral thrill rides they're rather brilliant. This fifth entry is a mind bending sensorial rush, with meticulous 3D photography, non-stop action and yet another astonishing physical performance from Anderson's wife, actress Milla Jovovich. The film is structured like the video games it was based on so forget the plot and don't go searching for Shakespearean exchanges of dialogue.

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Pill's sexting problems

Alison Pill is suffering some major embarrassment after accidentally tweeting a topless photo of herself.

It's believed the picture was intended for her fiancé, actor Jay Baruchel, but instead went out to her 14,000 followers.

She quickly deleted the post.

"Yep. That picture happened. Ugh. My tech issues have now reached new heights, apparently. How a deletion turned into a tweet... Apologies," she tweeted.



Hot new couple alert

Zachary Quinto is opening up about his relationship with Glee actor Jonathan Groff, telling Out magazine, "I'm incredibly happy."

Quinto says he's feeling especially good about being in a relationship following the death of his father. "I had to do a lot of work on the couch to really get to a place where I was able to show up to a relationship with someone who was actually capable of being in one — and that took a lot of trial and error," he says.



Zachary Quinto

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A downward spiral for Amanda Bynes



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Amanda Bynes is apparently refusing rehab, according to RadarOnline.com. The website reports her friends are worried she's "not in touch with reality," as if there is anyone in Hollywood who is in touch with reality.

Still, this story gives me a touch of the sadness.

The 26-year-old was charged last week with two hit-and-run charges and was arrested on April 6 for a DUI. On Thursday, TMZ.com

posted pictures of the actress driving aimlessly around L.A. on a suspended license and smoking what appears to be pot from behind the wheel.

"Amanda is refusing to go to rehab or seek any form of psychiatric treatment or diagnosis. It's clear something is up with her," a close pal exclusively told RadarOnline.

"She has been told by her agent and her dad Rick that she has substance abuse issues and needs to get help. She's a lost little girl right now. Amanda's completely gone off the grid. She won't speak with her manager, her agent, her publicist; she's not returning anybody's phone calls," the source said.

An actress who won't speak with her agent or her publicist?

In Hollywood, there's no worse indication that something bad is going down.

Trouble on the set for Lohan?

Lindsay Lohan is reportedly playing sick as a means to get out of being in Scary Movie 5 after deciding the script makes fun of her too much, insisting that she has walking pneumonia, according to Page Six.

"Lindsay missed every meeting she had for the film, including script reads and wardrobe meetings," a source says.

"Then she missed her flight to Atlanta on Sunday to shoot the movie. The producers had been getting signs Friday that she was a mess, and would not be fit to work."

But Lohan's camp



Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

insists there's nothing fishy going on. "Lindsay is fulfilling all of her obligations for the film," rep Steve Honig says.

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- 2 tbsp hot water
- 1 tsp instant coffee
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup + 1 tbsp light cream cheese (about 2.5 oz), softened
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup low-fat sour cream
- 3 tbsp corn syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- icing sugar (to decorate)



This recipe makes 12 mini Mud Pies. RYAN SZULC, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

F. Lightly coat a 12-cup muffin tin with cooking spray.

2. In a small bowl, combine the crumbs, 1 tbsp water and oil until mixed. Divide and pat into the bottom of the muffin tins.

3. In a small bowl, combine the chocolate chips, 2 tbsp hot water and coffee. Micro-

wave for 40 seconds on High or just until the chocolate begins to melt. Stir until smooth.

4. In the bowl of a food processor, add the sugar, cocoa powder, flour, cream cheese, eggs, sour cream, corn syrup and vanilla. Purée until smooth. Add the chocolate mixture and purée until

smooth.

5. Divide among the muffin cups and bake for 12 to 14 minutes or just until the centers are still slightly loose. Cool and chill at least 2 hours before serving. Carefully remove from the tin with a knife. Decorate with icing sugar. **ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)**

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A berry good mate for chocolate



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Though a diehard foodie at heart, I've never been that big on desserts.

It's not that I don't take a bite of workplace birthday cake now and then or dip a spoon into someone else's indulgence to experience the decadence — I just prefer to find my extra calories in a glass.

Never a true friend of white or red, chocolate's bitterness has made it a bit of a wine world pariah.

Sure, fortified port wines are a classic match, but that's about it, my friends.

Those of you old enough to remember the delicious addictive qualities in Hershey's Cherry Blossom (a cherry soaked in cherry juice wrapped in mocha) will attest that chocolate and ripe berry fruit taste insanely appealing together.

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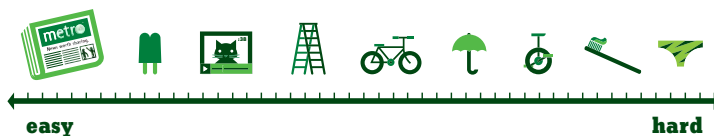
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There have been so many new, life-changing events for Rhude this year that continue to alter and change his world-view. Not unlike works from the past, you can expect to see pieces that represent Rhude's political views with bold images, but there are also more personal representations of family and community. This year Steven's show is called Intervention. It opens Friday from 7 to 9 p.m., and the show will run through Oct. 2.



Treasure Hunt: Night Flea Market Vol. IV

The Khyber Centre for the Arts is once again opening the doors to its famous flea market. The Night Flea Market returns Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight featuring knickknacks, clothing, eats, art and more. It's two bucks to get in the door, but bring some extra cash and dance amongst the finest wares in town. Liquor will be sold on the premise so bring your ID, but if you are underage don't worry, treasure hunters of all ages are more than welcome — you'll just get a fancy stamp noting your under 19 status.



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Mooseheads picked the right 'garbageman'

Tough job for a tough guy. Stefan Fournier enjoys his demanding, decidedly unglamorous role sticking his nose in front of the opponent's net



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One man's trash is another man's treasure, and Stefan Fournier is more than happy being the Halifax Mooseheads' chief garbage collector.

Fournier has one of the least glamorous jobs on the team, tasked with parking his six-foot-three, 210-pound caboose in front of the opposition net, absorbing brutal punishment from defencemen, screening goalies, and jamming home as many loose pucks as he can get his stick on.

"It's not a job everyone wants to do," says Fournier, whose role is the key to a successful power play.

"Everyone wants to be the half-wall guy, the goal-line guy, the point guy taking all the shots. But you know what? Someone's got to do it, and it was always easiest for me to step up and take it."

It's lucrative work for the willing. With the Victoriaville Tigres last season, Fournier netted 32 goals, picking up 11 of them on the power play. He figures all but a half-dozen will never show up on a highlight reel, describing them as "greasy goals from the garbage-man area" in front.

"Every player has their niche and you have to work



Stefan Fournier pauses during a Halifax Mooseheads practice this week at the Halifax Civic Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

with your strong points," Fournier says. "I have no problem standing in front of the net. I've done it since I was 15."

The Mooseheads have no problem with Fournier doing that either, considering that's why they acquired him for draft picks for their final over-age spot, seeking size

Weekend action

The Mooseheads host the Saint John Sea Dogs on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Forum. They conclude the QMJHL pre-season on the road against the Sea Dogs on Sunday at 4 p.m.

and sandpaper to complement the ample speed and skill already on their roster.

The 20-year-old from Dorval, Que., has fit right in during the pre-season, scoring a team-leading four goals and adding two assists in three games.

"I got placed with a great billet family, it's a great

Analysis

There's a reason for every tattoo

Stefan Fournier is a candidate to lead the Mooseheads in goal-scoring this season, but he already tops the team in visible ink.

The 20-year-old has five tattoos in various locations plus a full sleeve of them on his right arm.

Each has special significance to him, including an airplane, because both of his parents are pilots and he "grew up in airports," and an illustration from *Where The Wild Things Are*, his favourite book when he was a child.

He says he got his first tattoo at age 18.

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO

group of guys on the team, and it's a great coaching staff," Fournier says. "I really couldn't be any happier than to spend my over-age season here in Halifax."

Although he's played with a variety of linemates so far, the Mooseheads have him slotted to start the season on the top line with NHL draft-eligible stars Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin.

"Nate skates and Drouin passes (both) like no one in the league I've seen so far," Fournier says. "It makes it easy for me to do my job ... and if everything meshes the way it's supposed to, it could be a very, very strong line."

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Bettman on lockout: 'I feel terrible'

NHL. Commissioner shows emotion in defending league stance: No deal, no season

Darkness is about to descend on the National Hockey League. Again.

Reiterating that the season won't start until there is a new collective bargaining agreement, commissioner Gary Bettman offered an impassioned defence of the league's stance Thursday as it headed toward its fourth work stoppage in 20 years.

"Listen, nobody wants to make a deal and play hockey more than I do, OK?" he said during a news conference. "This is what I do. This is what my life is about in terms of how I spend most of my waking hours. This is really hard."

"And so you only get involved in this situation when you understand what the issues are and you know you're doing the right thing for the long-term stability of our game and our sport. This is very hard and I feel terrible about it."

No one is holding out hope that an 11th-hour deal will be struck before the CBA expires

Saturday at midnight. Both Bettman and Donald Fehr, the executive director of the NHL Players' Association, spoke in a manner that made another work stoppage seem inevitable after wrapping up important meetings with their constituents.

They have no plans to return to the bargaining table before the deadline passes.

Instead, it appears as if hockey will enter yet another work stoppage — with a source indicating that pre-season games will start being cancelled as soon as next week. Training camps scheduled to open Sept. 21 will also soon be a casualty, with the first regular-season games not too far behind.

Fehr said the players made large concessions after the entire 2004-05 season was wiped out by a lockout. Since then, overall revenues have grown dramatically.

He asked whether it was fair or equitable that the owners want more concessions and reiterated that they will be the ones choosing to shut the doors.

"The players want to find a way to make an agreement. They want to negotiate until we do," Fehr, flanked by many of the game's top players, told a



Players line up behind Donald Fehr while the NHLPA executive director speaks at a news conference in New York on Thursday. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

packed news conference.

Sidney Crosby, Henrik Zetterberg, John Tavares, Zdeno Chara, Henrik Lundqvist, Daniel Alfredsson and Zach Parise were just a handful of the 283 players who turned up in New York for two days

of meetings. They emerged presenting a united front and spoke with the same calmness as Fehr, whom they hired in 2010 with the express purpose of getting a good deal in these negotiations.

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"If you have a non-bias opinion, you look at the facts, I think our mindset and the direction we're going is one that seems like it's a little bit more fair for both sides."

Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby

CFL. Eskimos strike deal with Ticats for 'versatile' former Huskie Brown



Darcy Brown with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The Edmonton Eskimos acquired Saint Mary's Huskies alumnus Darcy Brown in a trade on Thursday.

The Eskimos picked up the 26-year-old fullback from the Hamilton Tiger-Cats for defensive back Ricardo Colclough and a sixth-round draft choice in 2015.

Brown, a former Huskies receiver and the CFL's sixth overall pick in 2009, has spent three and a half seasons with the Ticats, starting 36 games at fullback and recording 13 catches for 173 yards.

By the numbers

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Number of ex-Huskies currently in the CFL.

Eskimos general manager Eric Tillman described the six-foot-four, 215-pound Brown as "versatile."

"Darcy can play fullback and he can help us when we go to tight end formations," Tillman said in a press release. METRO

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De Rosario to miss Canada's qualifiers

Road to Brazil. Loss bad news for a Canadian side that dropped to third in its group with loss to Panama

Canada will be without its leading goal scorer for the remainder of its second round of World Cup qualifying.

Dwayne De Rosario suffered an MCL sprain in his knee during Canada's 2-0 loss to Panama on Tuesday. He will be sidelined for 10 to 12 weeks, according to D.C. United, his Major League Soccer club.

"DeRo is our captain, a great player and impossible to replace," said D.C. United head coach Ben Olsen.

The attacking midfielder scored in Canada's 1-0 vic-

tory over Panama last Friday in Toronto. The goal was his 20th in 71 appearances for Canada and made him the country's all-time men's scoring leader.

"Absolutely gutted, to be honest," De Rosario tweeted. "With strong faith and perseverance I will be back wearing proudly the red&white."

Panama leads Canada's group, Honduras is second, and Canada is third based on

Remaining matches

- The Canadians need to finish in the top two to move on to the final round.
- They host Cuba on Oct. 12, then visit Honduras four days later.

goal differential.

"Dwayne is an inspira-

tional player and has played a major role in the national team's qualification campaign," Canadian coach Stephen Hart said in a statement.

"Injury is an unfortunate part of football and yes he will be missed. Dwayne's misfortune will open the door for one of the more than capable players to step in and seize the moment."

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Dwayne De Rosario celebrates scoring the winning goal against Panama in Toronto on Sept. 7. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newton wants to duplicate RG3's success against Saints

Still stinging from the thrashing they took from Robert Griffin III, the New Orleans Saints turn their attention toward defending another dual-threat quarterback this Sunday in Carolina's Cam Newton.

Like Griffin, Newton is capable of breaking down a defence with his feet as well as his arm, and presents many of the same challenges for the Saints defence that the Washington rookie did.

In fact, the Saints may even see some of the same plays this week.

Carolina coach Ron Rivera said the Panthers may borrow a few pages from the Redskins game plan because they run some similar plays.

"It's funny because when you watch (the Redskins) on tape you say, 'Hey, we do that,'" Rivera said.

The Saints were expecting as much.

Interim coach Aaron Kromer knows the NFL can be a copycat league and that when a weakness is exploited other teams will pounce on it. Griffin found success against

Stopping Newton

The Saints had mixed success limiting Newton in two games last season, but won both encounters.

the Saints last weekend, throwing for 320 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 42 yards.

But he also thinks that having played against Griffin will help his team better prepare for Newton.

Coming off a rough offensive performance in which the Panthers scored just 10 points in a loss to Tampa Bay, Newton is looking for his team to rebound. And he hopes some of the clues to jump-starting the offence will come from watching what RG3 did last week.

Kromer said Griffin and Newton have similar athletic skills "although Cam is bigger."

Much bigger, in fact. The six-foot-five, 245-pound Newton has Griffin by three inches and 40 pounds.

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Cam Newton, centre, looks for an open receiver against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last Sunday in Tampa, Fla. J. MERIC/GETTY IMAGES

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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

With the Sun moving through the work area of your chart, you don't mind how hard you labour as long as the payoff is good. However, this area of your chart also governs your health, so don't push yourself too hard.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You are far too sensible to believe everything you are told, especially by so-called "experts", and you will no doubt reject some of the things you hear today. That's good. Trust only your own inner voice.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you tell someone you love what they want to hear, rather than what they need to hear, it could lead to complications later on. Tell them the truth, no matter how painful it may be in the short term.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The more someone pressures you to go along with a plan you are not interested in, the louder you must say no. Don't let them make you feel guilty by suggesting that your refusal will ruin it for others. It won't.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You are letting your fears get the better of you and that in turn is making it difficult to make a sensible decision about a money matter. Always think logically and expect the best to happen rather than the worst.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Try to stay calm and, wherever possible, stay out of the way of people who rub you up the wrong way. If your current environment gets a little too heated, take off by yourself for a day or two.

♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

According to the planets, your negative attitude is attracting negative situations. Stop looking over your shoulder and start acting as if nothing can go wrong. Compared to most people, you've still got it easy.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

No matter how much someone tries to persuade you to take sides in a dispute, you must stay out of it. There is simply no way of knowing for sure who is right and who is wrong, so it's best not to get involved.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

For some reason, your credibility is low at the moment. Your priority today is to improve your image. If colleagues and employers have begun to assume you are all talk and no action, you must prove them wrong.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Whatever you lose today, you will more than make up for next week. Don't try to hang on to what is slipping from your grasp. There is a meaning to everything that happens — you just have to look for it.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Your options for action seem to be limited at the moment and all you can do is wait for conditions to change. Patience is a virtue, so stop worrying and enjoy the opportunity to take things easy for a while.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

People will play on your sympathies and try to get you to do things you don't want to do. You must be tough and refuse. Anyone who comes to you with a tale of woe is not to be trusted. SALLY BROMPTON

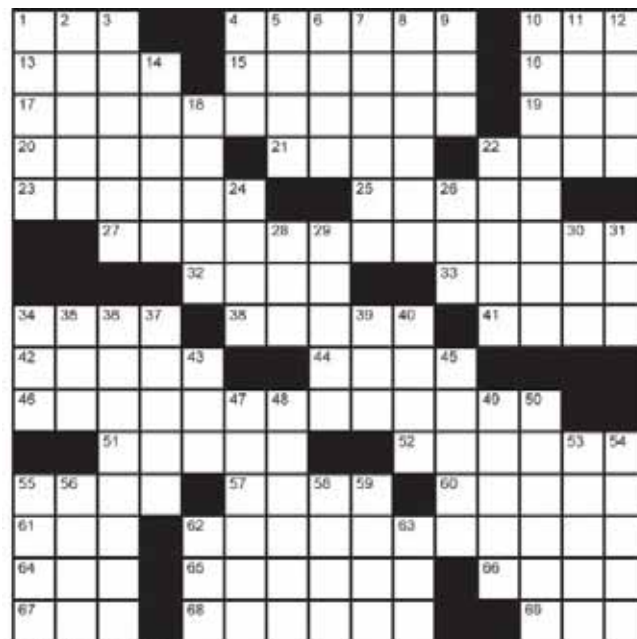
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Across

1. BC Hydro structure
4. Forming irregular, broken waves, as the sea
10. Sml., med., ___: T-shirt sizes
13. Swim ___: once around the pool (2 wds.)
15. "Hurts ___": John Cougar Mellencamp hit (2 wds.)
16. George Gershwin's lyricist brother
17. Northwest ___
19. Chomped
20. Mistake
21. Check
22. "As Good as It ___"
23. More expeditiously
25. Edmonton NHL team member
27. BC, AB, and SK are here (2 wds.)
32. Composer John who was a CBS reporter
33. Certain distance runner
34. ___ Nostra
38. "Salut!" in Scandinavia
41. Man, Wight, or Capri
42. White lightning, say
44. "Mon ___!": French mild oath
46. Largest waterway in the Pacific Northwest, it starts in BC and flows through Washington and Oregon to the Pacific (2 wds.)
51. Uses a towel
52. Most definite
55. Wine party cheese
57. High tennis shots
60. Canada's ___ Max lottery

Down

1. Calendar entries
2. Oldsmobile model discontinued in 2004
3. Bone ___ transplant
4. Winter time in Manitoba: initialism
5. Owl's call
6. Shrek, for one
7. Exterminator's option
8. Like verse
9. QB's goal: abbr.
10. Canada's oldest federally registered party
11. Member of 10-Down, familiarly
12. Consumes
14. On one's belly
18. "___ my case": courtroom phrase (2 wds.)
22. Bottle-dwellers of legend
24. These are found on road maps: abbr.
26. Hasty exit
28. Edmonton CFL team member, familiarly
29. *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* spinoff
30. It's next to Ins on the keypad
31. Exist



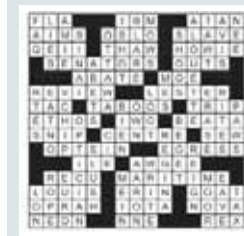
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34. *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* network
35. Tic-tac-toe win
36. Gis
37. Blue as the sky
39. Atmosphere
40. Hawaiian garlands
43. Sex Pistols' record label
45. Tonsil neighbour
47. 1950s-'70s Chevy (2 wds.)

48. Different arrangement of a given compound's atoms
49. Become eaten away
50. Collect one's pension
53. Besmirch
54. Did some calisthenics
55. Protections for babies
56. Some TVs
58. A-F alphabetic connection
59. Articulates

62. "I'll give ___ try" (2 wds.)
63. Bring home after expenses

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2	3	4	8	1	7	6	9	5
9	1	7	3	6	5	2	4	8
8	8	5	2	9	4	1	7	3
6	2	9	7	5	1	3	6	4
1	7	3	4	8	6	9	5	2
5	4	6	9	3	2	8	1	7

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